

## INTEREST IN THE CENTENNIAL IS LAGGING.

Much Difficulty Has Been Experienced Lately in Securing a Quorum of the Executive Committee.

### WILL BE INCREASED TO THIRTY.

Finance Committee Report That They Have Many Promises But No Actual Contributions So Far—Friction Between Two Music Committees Straightened Out—Merchants to Take Up the Matter of Financial Assistance—The Decorations Solicited by Man Who Decorated for Firemen.

After waiting until almost half past eight last evening and telephoning to many places in town a quorum of the Centennial Club at an Executive Committee meeting was not secured. In all there were eight members present with the Chairman and Secretary and two additional members of the committee arrived before the meeting closed. Chairman, Clark Sullivan, called on the members to order and the first business was a general talk on reasons why the members of the committee did not attend. Some assumed it to be the change in the date of the Centennial and the other impression that the members were of the opinion that they had plenty of time in which to do the work. Another reason given was the San Francisco disaster. Sullivan was in the hope that a quorum could more easily be secured. Clark Sullivan approved the motion, stating that he was of the opinion that the members of the committee be at notified of the meeting nights and by letter have their responsibility for the success of the Centennial impressed upon them. Secretary Kurtz stated that the members of the committee have repeatedly been notified. Chairman Sullivan stated that there were no members of the Executive Committee that had not been notified in an individual meeting and that he believed they should be supplied with other means. A vote on the motion to increase the committee to 30 members was taken and carried.

Col. J. M. Reid and Q. A. Miller of the Finance Committee were present and talked finances to those present. Colonel Reid stated that the committee already had a number of promises but that owing to the sickness of several members of the committee they had been unable to get together. The members desired to increase the committee to 30 members and he believed that some thing definite should be done by the next meeting or all of the members would be willing to accept their resignation. Mr. Miller also stated that they had made a number of collections but had not yet received them.

The Secretary was directed to send official notice to the Advertising Committee that in appropriation of \$200 had been granted to them. A resolution that all committees receive reports at the next meeting was passed. Committees failing to report will be discharged and new committees appointed. E. Dunn and B. P. Wallace told of length upon the question that has arisen between the Music Committee and the Vocal Music Committee. The committee was appointed for the purpose of securing funds and orchestra and he stated that the purpose of forming a vocal choir of school children and adults. It was decided that the two committees should get together and settle their differences. An appropriation of \$100 was made for the purpose of securing Prof. Morton to direct the choruses.

E. Dunn made a plea for money for the Historical Committee with which to defray certain expenses. He said that there were no members on the committee who did not have the funds always on hand to defray the expenses in the event of an appropriation. The members agreed that all expenses of the committee should be paid but suggested that the Historical Committee authorize the payment of such accounts after which the Executive Committee could pass upon them and the Treasurer pay over the money. B. P. Wallace agreed that if the next meeting of the Associated Merchants the question of contributions would be taken up and possibly a certain amount be granted and used to defray the expenses of the committee. The merchants also planning to be in the celebration and begin active work in pushing it along. The meeting was adjourned at 10 o'clock.

Frank G. Shive of Zanesville, O., who decorated the town for the Firemen's Convention requested that he be given charge of the Centennial decorations. He also stated that his wife was an adept at arranging a floral parade and that she would do it for a moderate consideration.

### AN EXPLANATION.

The Courier is hardly handicapped today by the Aaron fire. At noon the town's water supply for the regular fire engine was cut off. The fire engine, which was out of the town, was not able to get water. The fire engine, which was out of the town, was not able to get water. The fire engine, which was out of the town, was not able to get water.

### A HOME WEDDING.

Mrs. Elly Hyatt and C. B. Purinton were married this morning at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Purinton, on South Pittsburg street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. M. Wilson, pastor of the Christian Church, and the wedding was a very quiet one. Only a few relatives and friends were present. The bride wore a white gown with a train and the groom wore a dark suit. The wedding cake was of white and pink and was served with fruit. The bride and groom were accompanied by their parents and a few friends to the church for the ceremony.

### ROTTLER SUSPENDED.

Laid Off This Morning by Burgess A. D. Soisson. The Rottler, a dog owned by Burgess A. D. Soisson, was suspended from the streets of Connellsville this morning. The dog was found to be a nuisance and was ordered to be kept on a leash. The owner was given a warning and told that if the dog was found to be a nuisance again, it would be put down.

### Do Not Give Up Fight.

John M. Tully, who is fighting for the rights of the poor, is urged not to give up his fight. He is a brave man and his cause is just. He should continue to fight until he has won. His friends should support him and help him in his fight. He is a true hero and his cause is just.

### Maypole Dance at Law n.

Twelve May 2—Special—A twelve Maypole dance was held at the law n. The dance was a very successful one and was enjoyed by all who attended. The Maypole was decorated with flowers and the dance was a very beautiful one. The dance was a very successful one and was enjoyed by all who attended.

### Packets Will Resume.

The packets of the Pittsburgh & North Allegheny Railway Company will resume their regular schedule. The packets will be delivered to the homes of the subscribers. The packets will be delivered to the homes of the subscribers. The packets will be delivered to the homes of the subscribers.

### False Alarm of Fire.

A false alarm of fire was given at 10:15 o'clock this morning. The alarm was given by a man who was mistaken. The alarm was given by a man who was mistaken. The alarm was given by a man who was mistaken.

### Commencement Dance.

The annual commencement dance of the High School will be held at the hotel. The dance will be a very successful one and will be enjoyed by all who attend. The dance will be a very successful one and will be enjoyed by all who attend.

### John Tully Resigns.

John M. Tully has resigned his position with the West Point Light House. He has been a very successful man and has been a very successful man. He has been a very successful man and has been a very successful man.

### Wilhelm Signs With Uniontown.

Wilhelm, a well-known athlete, has signed with the Uniontown team. He is a very strong and fast player and will be a valuable asset to the team. He is a very strong and fast player and will be a valuable asset to the team.

### Noon Weather Bulletin.

Continued from tonight and Thursday is the noon weather bulletin. The weather is expected to be clear and sunny. The weather is expected to be clear and sunny. The weather is expected to be clear and sunny.

## AARON STORE GUTTED EARLY THIS MORNING.

Fierce Fire Discovered Between 4 and 5 O'clock Practically Ruined the Handsome New Building and Big Stock of Goods—Splendid Work of the Firemen Under Councilman Wm. McCormack—Loss Will Reach in the Neighborhood of \$75,000—Origin of the Fire Not Known.

At five o'clock this morning a fire was discovered in the Aaron store, which was located on the corner of the town. The fire was very fierce and spread rapidly. The store was a new building and was very handsome. It was a big stock of goods. The fire was discovered by a man who was passing by. The fire was very fierce and spread rapidly. The store was a new building and was very handsome. It was a big stock of goods.

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## TEMPORARY INJUNCTION AGAINST RAILROAD

Granted in Favor of the McFarland Lumber Company After Battle Royal at Indian Creek.

### REPRESENTATIVE HOOD'S ROAD.

Indian Creek Valley Railroad Took Up Tramway on Lands of Walter Seymour and Otto Sticks Until Work Was Stopped by Seymour, Who Was Armed and Ready to Fight His Rights—Hearing in Case Tomorrow at Uniontown.

The recent development of the Indian Creek Valley Railroad has resulted in a battle royal between the McFarland Lumber Company and the Indian Creek Valley Railroad. The railroad took up a tramway on the lands of Walter Seymour and Otto Sticks. Seymour, who was armed and ready to fight his rights, stopped the work. A hearing in the case is set for tomorrow at Uniontown.

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## CHAPTER XVIII.

**B**EVERLY was speechless. "Of course, your highness," said Baldo, deep apology in his voice, "Rayone is woefully misinformed. He is honest in his belief, and you should not misjudge his motives. How he could have been so blind as to confound you with that frisky American girl—but I beg your pardon. She is to be your guest. A thousand pardons, your highness."

She had been struck dumb by the wording of the note, but his apparently sincere apology for his friend set her every emotion into play once more. While he was speaking her wits were forming themselves for conflict. She opened the campaign with a bold attack. "You—you believe me to be the princess, sure enough, don't you?"

But with all her bravery she was not able to look him in the face.

"How crazy you doubt it, your highness? Wouldn't it be serving you in the present capacity if I believed you to be any one else?"

"Rayone's warning has not shaken your faith in me?"

"It has strengthened it. Nothing could alter the facts of the case, have not, since we left Gaulok, been in doubt as to the identity of my benefactor."

"It seems to me that you are bending around the bush. I'll come straight to the point. How long have you known that I am not the Princess of Graustark?"

"What?" he exclaimed, drawing back in well assumed horror. "Do you mean—are you joking? I beg of you, do not jest. It is very serious with me."

His alarm was genuine that she was completely deceived.

"I can not jesting," she half whispered, turning very cold. "Have you thought all along that I am the princess; that I am Graustark's wife?"

"You told me that you were the princess."

"But I never said that I was—was any one's wife."

There was a piteous appeal in her voice, and he was not slow to notice it and rejoice. Then his heart smote him.

"But what is to become of me if you are not the princess?" he asked after a long pause. "I can no longer serve you. This is my last day in the castle guard."

"You are to go on serving me—I mean you are to retain your place in the service," she insisted to say. "I shall keep my promise to you. How small and humble she was beginning to feel! It did not seem so comforting after all, this pretty deception of hers. Down in his heart, underneath the gallant exterior, what was his opinion of her? Something was stirring her eyes feverily, and she closed them to keep back the tears of mortification.

"Miss Calhoun," he said, his manner changing swiftly, "I have felt from the first that you are not the Princess of Graustark. I knew it an hour after I entered Edolweiss. Franz gave me a note at Gaulok, but I did not read it until I was a member of the guard."

"You have known it so long?" she cried joyfully. "And you have trusted me? You have not hated me for deceiving you?"

"I have never ceased to regard you as my sovereign," he said softly.

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pitiful. I am glad, oh, so glad, that you have known all the time. It relieves my mind and my conscience tremendously."

"Yes," he said gently. "I have known all along that you were not Mr. Lorry's wife."

He had divined her thought, and she flushed hotly. "You are still a princess, however. A poor girl still can only look upon the rich American girl as a sovereign whom he must worship from afar below."

"Oh, I'm not so rich as all that!" she cried. "Besides, I think it is time for a general clearing up of mysteries. Are you Prince Danzian, Prince Froderic or that other one—Christobal somebody? Come, be fair with me."

"It seems that all Edolweiss looks upon me as a prince in disguise. You found me in the hills."

"No, you found me. I have not forgotten, sir."

"I was a vagabond and a fugitive. My friends are hunted as I am. We have no home. Why every one should suspect me of being a prince I cannot understand. Every reason in the hills is not a prince. There is a price upon my head, and there is a reward for the capture of every man who was with me in the pass. My name is Paul Baldo, Miss Calhoun. There is no mystery in that. If you were to mention it in a court of law, you would quickly find that the name of Baldo is not unknown to the people who are searching for him. No, your highness; I regret exceedingly that I must destroy the absurd impression that I am of royal blood. Perhaps I am smiling a pretty romance, but it cannot be helped. I was Baldo the goat hunter; I am now Baldo the guard. Do you think that I would be serving as a Graustark guard if I were any one of the men you mention?"

Beverly listened in wonder and some disappointment. It must be confessed. Somehow a spark of hope was being forever extinguished by this straightforward denial. He was not to be the prince she had seen in dreams. "You are not like any one else," she said. "That is why we thought of you as—"

"As one of those unhappy creatures they call princes? Thank fate, my highness, I am not yet reduced to such straits. My exile will come only when you send me away."

They were silent for a long time. Now he was thinking of the hour of the fact that her assurance in the castle could not be unnoted. Night had fallen heavily upon the earth. The two faithful chamois, respectful, with wonder in their souls, stood off and waited. Baldo and Beverly were alone in their own little world.

"I think I liked you better when you were the red feather and that horrid patch of black," she said unthinkingly. "And was a free-hearted vagabond."

"And, something lingering in his voice."

An independent courier, if you please, sir," she said severely.

"Do you want me to go back to the hills? I have the patch and the feather, and my misadventure."

"Not! Don't suggest such a thing—yet! He began the protest eagerly and ended it in confusion.

"Alas, you mean that some day banishment is not unlikely?"

"You don't expect to be a guard all your life, do you?"

"Not to serve the Princess of Graustark, I confess. My aim is much higher. If God lets me choose the crown I would serve I would enlist for life. The crown I would serve is wrought of love, the throne I would kneel before is the slender-bellied of a woman. I could live and die in the service of my own choosing, but I am only the hunter for the ruler who has no plans, whose ideals are conceived in lunacy."

"That was beautiful," murmured Beverly, looking up, fascinated for the moment.

"Oh, that I had the courage to enlist!" he cried, bending low once more. She felt the danger in his voice, half tremulous with something more than loyalty, and drew her hand away from a place of instant jeopardy. It was fine that she was playing with, she realized with a start of consciousness. Sweet as the spell had grown to be she saw that it must be shattered.

"It is getting frightfully late," she sharply exclaimed. "They'll wonder where I've gone to. Why, it's actually dark."

"It has been dark for half an hour, your highness," said he, drawing himself up with sudden rigidity that distressed her. "Are you going to return to the castle?"

"Yes. I'll have out a searching party pretty soon if I don't appear."

"You have been good to me today," he said thoughtfully. "I shall try to merit the kindness. Let me—"

"Oh, please don't talk in that humble way! It's ridiculous! But rather have you absolutely imprudent. I declare upon my honor I would. Don't you remember how you looked when you were the red feather? Well, I liked it."

Balido laughed easily, happily. His heart was not very humble, though his eyes and manner were.

"Red is the color of insolence, you mean."

"It's a good deal fainter than blue," she declared.

"Before you call the bearers, Miss—your highness, I wish to retract something I said awhile ago," he said very seriously.

"I should think you would," she responded, utterly misinterpreting his intention.

"You asked me to tell you what my message to Rayone contained and I refused. Subsequently the extent of his message to me led me into a most thorough miscalculation. It was only just and right that you should know what I said to him."

"I trust you, Baldo," she protested sturdily.

"That is why I tell this to you. Yesterday, your highness, the castle guard received their month's pay. You may not know how we are paid, so I will say that it is 10 grays to each. The envelope which I gave to Rayone contained my wages for the past six weeks. They were far more than I do. There was also a short note of good cheer to the poor comrades of luck who had been so long in the castle. My luck may change and starvation be succeeded by plenty. And, still more, I told him that I knew you to be Miss Calhoun and that you were my angel of inspiration. That was all, your highness."

"Thank you, Baldo, for telling me," she said softly. "You have made me ashamed of myself."

"On the contrary, I fear that I have been indulging in rock-throwing. Truth and optimism, like a seal, require a certain amount of ironing."

"Since you are Baldo and not a fairy prince I think you may instruct the men to carry the bag, being without the magic to destroy which could transport me in a whiff. Goodness, the men are so stupid!"

Within ten feet of the sedan chair and directly behind the tall guard stood a small group of people. He and Beverly, engrossed in each other, had not heard their men. The men were not only silent spectators of the little scene only in the ruders knew. The startled, abashed eyes of the girl in the chair were not long in distinguishing the newcomer, a man in front of the others stood the stout, shadowy form of Count Marlaux.

Behind him were the Princess Yvette, the old prime minister and Baron Jaungless.

THE END OF THE FIRST PART.

DISPLAYED RED FLAG

Chicago Police, Gungel Parameters to Chicago, May 2.—Two hundred men calling themselves Socialists attempted to march through the streets under the red flag and were prevented by the police.

As soon as word was brought to the police that a parade under the red flag was projected, 50 policemen under the command of Sgt. Sullivan were sent to Michigan and North Clark streets, where it was expected the parade was forming. The officers found a large number of men wearing red badges and hats about to set out on the parade. They were at once informed that the red flag could not be unfurled and that if the parade took place at all it must be with the flag tightly rolled.

The men, 200 strong, started without the flag and marched to Douglas park. Five minutes before one-fifth of the distance had been covered the parade had been greatly reduced in numbers. A meeting was held later in the park and speeches were made under the eye of the police, who had orders to break it up if the utterances of the speakers became incendiary.

When the column was passing the corner of Congress street and Open avenue one of the flag bearers, Edward Wladzinski, unfurled his red flag and was at once placed under arrest. Several of his companions attempted to break away from the police and the officers drew their revolvers and declared that they would fire if any attempt was made to interfere.

ALDRICH OBJECTS

And Resolution to Honor Gen. Porter Goes to Committee.

Washington, May 2.—The proceedings in the senate included an extended discussion of the railroad rate bill by Mr. Chandler, an explanation of the status of the appropriation for the relief of the ex-servicemen by Mr. Aldrich, and a controversy among several senators as to the propriety of adopting a resolution regarding the thanks of congress to Gen. Horace Porter for his services in rescuing the body of John Paul Jones from their long lost resting place in Paris. In the last mentioned proceeding Mr. Aldrich opposed action by the senate in advance of committee consideration and succeeded in having the matter referred to the committee on foreign relations.

In his speech Mr. Aldrich supported the right of congress to bestow honors as to the rates and to delegate the power to a commission. He opposed Mr. Aldrich's non-suspension provision and indicated indifference as to whether a court review clause should be inserted.

The house has decided to continue free distribution of warren and flower seeds. Many of the items in the agricultural bill broadening the scope of the bureau of entomology and the bureau of plant industry are of great importance, particularly those relating to the adulteration of food, condiments, drugs and beverages.

Hall Kills Two Horses.

Branchville, Va., May 2.—During a severe rain and electrical storm, a horse and a cow were killed by lightning.

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## STRIKES IN OTHER CITIES.

Building Trades Workers Demand Increased Wages.

Youngstown, O., May 2.—Six hundred painters, carpenters, lathers and structural iron men of this city have struck for an eight-hour day and recognition of the union.

Philadelphia, May 2.—The first day strike in this city took place in the factory of George W. Smith & Co., furniture manufacturers, when 300 cabinet makers quit work. Cabinet makers at several other plants also stopped work. The union demands an eight hour day and a fixed schedule of wages.

Cincinnati, May 2.—Nearly 500 planing mill employees, and several hundred paper, glass, and electricians went on strike in this city. They demand an increase in wages. An increase has also been demanded by the telephone company, but one carrier's demand was refused, the men will not go out until ordered by their national officers.

Indianapolis, May 2.—Of the 1,100 carpenters in Indianapolis, 400 are on strike to enforce the demand for an increase of five cents an hour in wages. Fifteen boss carpenters acceded to the demands. The union machinists have given their employees until Friday to meet their demand for an increase.

GAPON'S DEATH CONFIRMED

Executed by Workmen After Being Convicted of Being a Traitor.

St. Petersburg, May 2.—Additional confirmation of the truth of the story which has been circulating for some time, that Gapon's death has been confirmed. It consisted of a copy of the sentence of death passed by the revolutionary workers' tribunal and was mailed, like Gapon's portfolio, from Berlin, to St. Petersburg, by a carrier's private lawyer. The document gave details of Gapon's offenses and closed with the laconic phrase: "The sentence has been executed."

A long preamble justifying the execution of Gapon was given, and the workers' tribunal had indisputable proofs of Gapon's secret relations with various members of the political police, whose names are given, in whom he promised to betray his revolutionary friends.

Later he undertook in behalf of the chief of the secret police, Gornostay, to find out and betray to the government a plot to kill the emperor, Premier Witte and Interior Minister Durnovo and opened negotiations with a member of the "nightingale" organization, offering \$15,000 for the assassination of the emperor and guaranteeing personal security for the traitor from the vengeance of the revolutionists.

QUIET AROUND DUBOIS

No Attempt Being Made to Run the Mines Non-Union.

Dubois, Pa., May 2.—Everything is quiet in the strike region. The district board of the miners held a conference to discuss the arrangement for giving support to the strikers. A carload of men passed through here on the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh road, said to be on their way to Lima and Delhi, in Indiana county.

The Heaton & Pittsburgh Coal and Iron company have their newest operations and where the union is presumed to be weaker. Efforts to resume will undoubtedly be made first at these two places.

The general manager of the Buffalo & Susquehanna company says that his company is not ready to resume, but is getting numbers of men willing to go to the extent to begin shortly and will put on guards if necessary.

The Vail mine, which was reported to be working with about half its regular force, has been closed up again. No man is to be employed there.

Two men were injured in a speck, easy fight at Ernest.

BRADFORD SHAKEN UP

Oil Well Shooter Drops Can of Nitro Glycerin and Dies.

Bradford, Pa., May 2.—Charles Brown, aged 23 years, an oil well shooter, was blown to atoms near here in an explosion which destroyed the Bradford Powder company's magazine.

The plant was located on Buller run, only a half mile from the town. A large stock of nitro glycerin was stored in the building, producing a shock which jarred this city and vicinity like an earthquake. Many windows were shattered and chimneys torn down. Several houses on Buller run road were wrecked. The cause of the explosion is unknown. Brown had driven a team to the magazine and was loading his wagon. He probably dropped a can of it. The horses were killed.

WANT ANOTHER LICKING

Russia Said to Be Playing Deep Game in Far East.

St. Petersburg, May 2.—Further intimation that Russia is playing a deep game in the Far East is given in a circular sent by the censors to all newspapers and periodicals forbidding the publication of any news with regard to the mobilization of the army and the reorganization of the military in Siberia and the Far East.

It is generally supposed the circular was issued by the publication of the Russian army from Manchuria and the dispatch of the Novikoff expedition to Mongolia, which though supposed to be general staff exercises were published even in official papers, which is highly extraordinary considering the Russian government's negotiations at Peking.

## A TEST CASE

Of Interest to the Holders of Insurance Policies.

An accident insurance case that will be of interest to every policyholder in the county will be tried at the coming term of court in Greensburg. It is the case of Mrs. Alice Lane of Mt. Pleasant, whose husband was insured in the "Travelers" Insurance Company for \$10,000. Lane was killed in the mines of the Priek company and the company refused to pay the face value of the policy, hence the suit, which was brought some time ago, and the answer of the insurance company was filed in the Probate court's office.

It is contended by the company that when he took out the policy he was engaged as a street car driver, which employment called for a certain premium. Without notifying the company, it is contended, he changed his occupation to that of a mine driver in the mines, which is regarded as much more hazardous and the premium is much more, without notifying the insurance company. While this engaged he was killed. The company now refuses to pay on the grounds that it had no notice of a change of occupation. The case will be watched with interest.

PRESS AGENT YARNS

What They Say of Plays Coming to the Colonial Theatre.

"Strongheart," the play of Columbia College life, which comes to the Colonial Theatre Thursday evening, May 2, is just now receiving congratulations which have many degrees, not, however, over the birth of a new play, but something very much more important, a lady and, and this little too, by the way, will represent the third generation of the de Mille family in America. All the de Milles have been playwrights. When H. C. de Mille, the father, died, he bequeathed "Make the boys dancers, dancers, anything but playwrights," but the spirit of playwriting was born in the boys, and so both of them are following in their father's footsteps. William C. is the author of a number of plays, the two most important being "Strongheart" and "The Consul and the Model." Cecil is the author of a play called "Copperhead," which is to be done this season. Their mother, Mrs. H. C. de Mille, has one of the largest play agencies in the country.

Sends Bullet into His Head.

Monmouth, May 1.—[Special.]—Constable John Burwell ended his life yesterday by firing a bullet into his head. Burwell held the revolver in his hand when found. He had been in poor health for some time and had only recently returned from Marlboro, where he spent several weeks.

Panic in Warsaw.

Warsaw, Poland, May 1.—[Special.]—Panic in this city is paralyzed and people generally have been thrown into a condition bordering on a panic as a result of the agitation started by Socialists to bring about a general strike. Troops completely surrounded the manufacturing section.

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